February 20, 2008

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone for sending in items for the Valentine’s Day party and to everyone that came and helped with it. The kids had a blast. The kids told me it rocked.

During the last couple of weeks you’ve received comments regarding reading and math skills that your children needed additional practice on. Most of the reading comments stated that your children needed additional practice making character inferences. This simply means using picture and vocabulary clues to describe a character and how the character changes in a story. For instance, if the stories states that the character scowled when he tasted the broccoli, what does that mean? It means that the character does not like the taste of broccoli. In math, we are working on subtraction. The biggest way that you can help your children with subtraction is to provide authentic subtraction scenarios at home for them to solve. For instance, if you go to the store and your total is $4.45 and you give the cashier a five dollar bill how much change should you receive?

Our annual Math Night is next Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. Please join us for a night of math games. Learn firsthand from your children how to play the math games that they play daily in their classrooms. You will also have the opportunity to purchase math games and materials to help you meet the math needs of your children at home.

Thanks for all that you do! Have a wonderful week! Please let me know if I can do anything for you or your child. [lfrederick@hoover.k12.al.us](mailto:lfrederick@hoover.k12.al.us) or 439-3400

**Look At What We Are Studying**

**Reading:** Reciprocal Teaching

**Writing:** Poetry

**Language:** Noun Review

**Spelling:** Contractions

**Math:** Combining and Comparing

**Social Science:** Shadows/Seasons

**Cursive:** x, y, z, and review

**Technology:** Microsoft Word

Have a wonderful week!

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

February 21st Book Order Due

22nd Spelling Test

D.O.L. Quiz

26th Math Night